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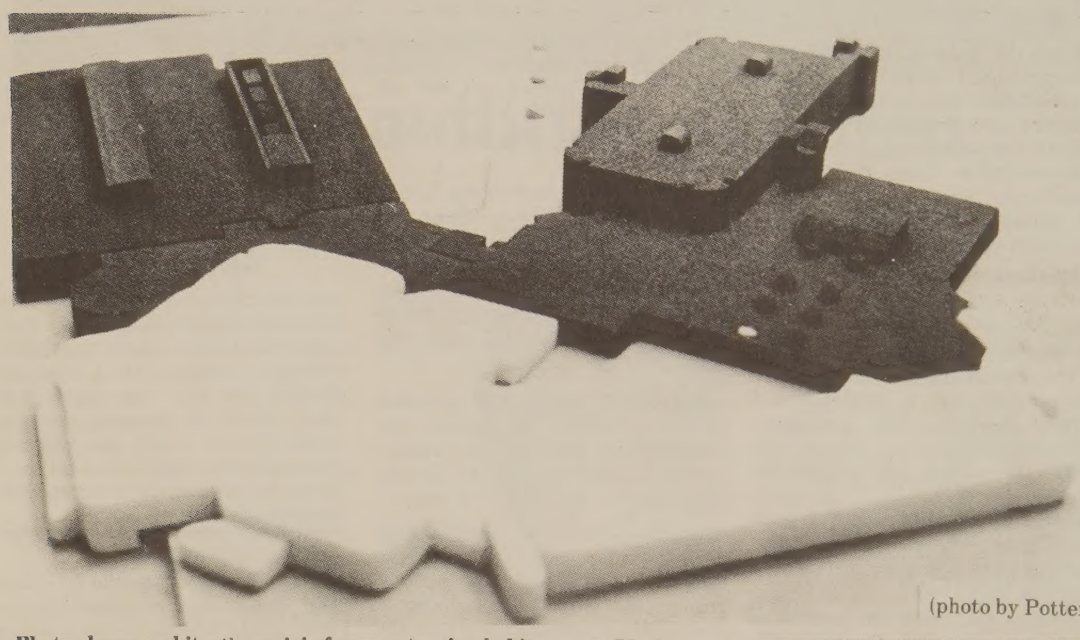

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Photo shows architect's model of new extension [white area]. Black area is existing buildings with Simcoe Building at top right.

By ROB POTTER AND BILL RADUNSKY

Construction of an addition—a business and Technology building—to Niagara College will begin soon, probably this month.

Cooper Construction Company Limited of Hamilton submitted the lowest bid of $3,146,600 and promised completion by Dec. 31,1976. Its tender was accepted by the board of governors Sept. 19,subject to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities approval. But no difficulty is expected.

This allotment for money for building represents the first major budget break on construction since it was imposed in December, 1972.

Plans for the new building were unveiled Sept. 17, by Frank Ciccarelli, chairman of the electronic, electrical, chemical and instrumentation department of the School of Technology.

Speaking at the meeting of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE), Mr. Ciccarelli said the new building is designed for practical function and "pleasant" work atmosphere.

Arnott P. McIntee, dean of the School of Business, echoed that opinion when he talked of the project in a telephone interview.

The technology portion of the building will be 36,000 square feet while the business area will be 53,000 square feet and two storeys high. Each area will have centrally located supply areas that will allow students to work on assignments during spare time.

Work on individual projects will be encouraged by both schools.

The design was done by Gerencser and Russell Architects, in co-operation with the faculties of both schools. It is designed to remove the institutional atmosphere and to be easily accessible to students.

Technology laboratories are to be useful to related subjects as well. In addition, two giant multi-purpose labs are planned which will measure 3,000 and 2,500 square feet and can be used by two or more classes at one time.

The business wing will include a 120-student lecture theatre.

Both wings will have what Mr. McIntee called "a very exciting, totally new concept." All classrooms and laboratories will include training areas where instructors can teach the mechanical portions of their lessons and a project area, in which students can work during out-of-class hours.

Two club rooms, for student and faculty use, a measurements lab, which may be used in cooperation

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$400,000 deficit

Niagara faces a deficit of about $400,000 as it goes into its new school year.

The $200,000 deficit of last spring has grown to this figure, A. S. Manera, college president, said. Although the college is able "without any major problems" to carry the deficit for a year, Niagara cannot afford to keep running into these deficiencies year after year, he said.

Students produce film, 'Why Not Technology?'

A group of Niagara College radio-television students has produced a film on the changing role of women in technology, which is selling rapidly to other schools.

Entitled "Why Not Technology?" the movie took four months to complete, runs 15 minutes and was shot with sound and in color. Already, five copies have been sold and four more are being looked at tentatively.

The 16 millemetre film was made entirely at Niagara College with producer Bernadette Secco in charge. Ron Guitar directed it and Jack Vethaak and Dave Kotyk were also involved.

Bernadette and Jack are third year students and Ron and Dave are both working in the field professionally. Kotyk is employed at a television station in Terrace, B.C.

The script was written by Niagara College film instructor Alan Cullimore, who has written other professional works.

The film is selling at $300 a copy and its producers hope it will make back its $5,000 cost as well as informing high school girls about opportunities for them in the technology field.

It was shown last month at a convention of the executive committee of deans of technology in Toronto. Niagara's dean of technology Dr. W. R. Stuart called the showing a great success and said the audience reception was very "enthusiastic."

Liquor licence for staff lounge

A liquor licence for the staff dining room and lounge at Niagara College was acquired in mid September.

It was applied for by A.S. Manera, president of the college.

Increase in enrolment, more seek OSAP $$

More requests for student awards have been received this year than any other year, probably because of increased enrolment.

Mary Ellen Patterson, awards officer, said however that specific figures are not yet available. Applications were accepted until the end of September and half-term ones are received in December.

Applications received by the student awards office are then processed by a computer, which makes a decision as to whether or not the student will get aid. The student may appeal.

The first $800 is a loan supplied by the federal government and anything over that is grant from the provincial government.The amount of aid has ranged from $50 to $2,800, says Mrs. Patterson.

Amount given depends on the student's money situation. The amount parents can provide, summer employment and a wife's earnings are all taken into account.

More money from summer employment is expected from men than from women.

Auditors report

The auditors' report on the financial situation of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) was scheduled to arrive yesterday, Niagara College treasurer Gary Larose said. At press time, it was not known whether it had been delivered.

The report is to cover the year ending March 31 and last year's SAC administration.

Dennis Reeves, SAC president this year, said in April that he expected this year's council to inherit a $4000 deficit, but a revised figure of $5000 was quoted in the Niagara College Orientation Book '75 circulated at the start of this school year.

Report says 'Yes'

Do the colleges discriminate against women?

By BILL RADUNSKY

The situation of women in community colleges is "less than satisfactory," according to a report made to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

The report, Women and the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, was prepared between June 1974 and January 1975 by Lesley V. Lewis, a consultant to the Ministry. Information used was solely from Ontario colleges with figure taken from 1973 records.

She found discrimination against women at three levels—student, staff and "decision-making." Specifically at Niagara, she found the situation unsatisfactory at the first two of these levels.

Jo Ann Poglitsh, Women's Advisor of the Ministry, stressed in a foreward that the views were only the consultant's. After inspection by various groups including individual colleges, the Ministry will "develop a plan of action to deal with those areas of concern which merit attention and are within the Ministry's jurisdiction."

The report's recommendations include: creation of a position of Women's Program Co-ordinator within the College Affairs and Manpower Training Division; recognition by each college of a growing need for non-traditional women's studies within communities; and elimination of "anti-nepotism rules" within colleges.

Of students at all colleges, the report found women "in the traditionally female field of Health (i.e. nursing, dental hygiene), in the helping, nurturant professions, and men in the technological courses."

At Niagara, "examination of the enrolment by division shows that women tend to predominate in those fields traditionally stereotyped as female."

Women appear to form about 50 per cent of the enrolment of most colleges but when the number of students is removed from traditionally female courses there is a "substantial drop in percentage." In technology fewer than 10 per cent are women.

Of the total enrolment at Niagara, 53.4 per cent are women. "The majority however are in one year programmes and in Health. If students in Health and one year courses are not considered in the statistics, a very different picture emerges and women are found to be 36.3 per cent of the enrolment."

After graduating from college more women were unsure of getting a job than men, with the men usually expecting higher salaries.

Of community college staffs, 43.1 per cent are female. The report concluded: "Although represented in all categories, further breakdown reveals several important factors;

"1. In all categories, average female salaries are much lower than average male salries.

"2. Examination by sub-category in the teaching and academic field reveals that women are under-represented, particularly at senior levels and that in sub-categories women also receive less money than men.

"3. 63.9 per cent of the men and 58.7 per cent of the women are in

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EDITORIAL

Ontario elections muddied waters

Leadership was the issue in the Ontario election, and the issue has yet to be resolved.

All three party leaders campaigned on the platform of leadership and the electorate obviously wasn't terribly interested. Instead of returning a government with a strong mandate, the voters have simply muddied the waters even further. A minority government in Toronto at this time is the worst of all the possible results of the election.

The next few months will be crucial. The fight with Ottawa is going to intensify over the winter months with a first ministers conference and finance ministers meeting. Assuming that Mr. Trudeau can find someone willing to take the finance portfolio, we can count on more federal attempts to cut back on revenue sharing. Ontario needed a strong government to fight that issue, but the voters have chosen a weak minority government. Against the Trudeaucracy from Ottawa, Ontario hasn't got a chance.

There's an old saying that the electorate always gets what it deserves. But, from this vantage point, after the provincial election results, the federal government will give this province the shaft. **John Bruce**

School of Horticulture receives $121,000 for renovations

Niagara College's share of a $5 million grant from the provincial government will allow renovations to be done on the 5-acre campus of the School of Horticulture in St. Catharines.

The college received $121,000 from the grant and the money will be used to update existing plumbing, heating and electrical facilities. Also planned are structural renovations, paving and general repairs to the buildings and greenhouses.

Of the grant, which is designed to increase employment and improve educational facilities, $55,000 will go for heating, construction and plumbing in the main classroom and administration building near Lester B. Pearson Park on Niagara street in St. Catharines. Another $38,000 has been budgeted for extensive structural and heating improvements to the greenhouses.

It is estimated that improvements to the grounds—which are used for practical work for the horticultural classes—will cost $17,000. This will include installation of an irrigation system and paving of the stone parking lot, and much-needed fencing around the grounds.

A new cold storage area will be created and repairs to the two aged barns on the campus will use up the remaining $11,500.

College president Anthony S. Manera informed the Niagara News last week that the School of Horticulture has renewed its lease with the City of St. Catharines for the next 22 years. The lease is usually taken on a five-year arrangement.

The School of Horticulture is headed by program co-ordinator Peter Mansfield and involves 43 first year and 18 second year students.

Letter to editor

Dear sir:

I wish to lodge a formal protest with you concerning the advertising of a student essay-writing service in the Niagara News.

I feel that this is appalling practice for a campus newspaper, and that it violates the principles of an educational institution.

Carrying ads of this sort insults the student who works long and hard to produce quality work for the marks he is assigned. If certain students are too lazy or too stupid to write their own essays, then those students should fail.

I have never been able to understand why businesses of this sort have not been forced out of business, but, until they are, they should not be allowed to advertise in campus newspapers.

It is my earnest hope that you will not accept any ads of this type for OUR newspaper now, and in the future.

Sincerely,
Bruce Johns

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'We're trying damn hard' SAC president Dennis Reeves

By CAROL MCKNIGHT

Perhaps one of the most important things any individual can ever gain in life is learning to become concerned. To care about what goes on. In the world, in the nation, in a town or city, even in a school. Learning to care what goes on and being a part of what goes on. It's called involvement.

When the Student Administrative Council (SAC) opened nominations for candidates last spring, apathy in Niagara College reached its greatest. Of the present council only the representative from the athletic department was faced with any type of opposition. All other council members won by acclamation.

But this is a new school term filled with new students, new teachers, a new SAC and a new chance for this thing called involvement to happen.

"The council and student body are like a boat and a rudder," said Dennis Reeves, SAC president. "The council's the boat, the student body's the rudder. And without the rudder the boat's lost." In other words, the student council cannot possibly hope to accomplish anything this year, if the students aren't there to back them.

Dennis undertook the position of SAC president last spring, confident that he and other SAC members, with the co-operation of the students, would be able to make things happen for the benefit of the students and Niagara College. Determined to offer nothing less to students than his best, Dennis is sure that this year's SAC will reach all set goals.

While councils of the past have made many grave errors, equally they have made many accomplishments. This year's council promises nothing.

"We're trying, trying damn hard, for them (the students)," Dennis said. But SAC cannot and will not accomplish anything without ideas and, or, opinions from the student body.

"It's not going to hurt me if they (the students) sit in a corner and complain about things which they can do something about by contacting us (SAC), complaining to us, coming to our meetings. It's not us that's going to lose, it's them," he said.

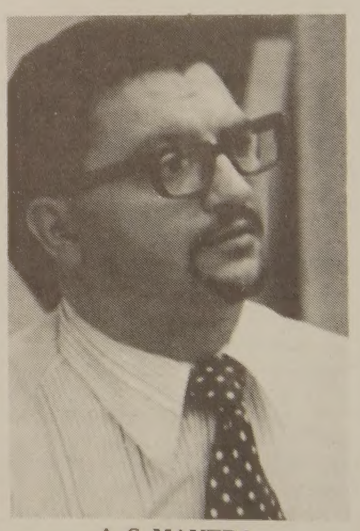
To date SAC has planned activities to be carried on throughout the course of the year, such as formals, a winter carnival, and as Dennis said, "more things than last year."

Already SAC has produced a detailed and helpful orientation booklet and is preparing for upcoming events such as organizing a travel club, a card club, and possible trips for the students.

As president , Dennis will receive $1,000. This may appear to be quite a large sum of money, but in comparison to the work involved, it is actually very little.

As well as holding his position on SAC, Dennis, a third-year personnel major, must maintain an average of 2 to stay on council. In the past he has been actively involved in extra curricular activities in the school and plans to continue his involvement in clubs and organizations again this year.

Gives 'F' to report



A. S. MANERA

The president of Niagara College has a low opinion of the research that went into a report which finds discrimination against women in all levels of community colleges in Ontario.

"I would give an 'F' to a first year student who handed it in," A. S. Manera said.

The report, Women and the Colleges of Applied Arts by Lesley V. Lewis, a consultant to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, dealt with the situation of women in community colleges.

Mr. Manera said that although the report contained some good points and he would like it followed up, it started from the premise that there is discrimination.

"You can prove anything if you only look at the facts you want to," he said.

He does not feel there is discrimination at Niagara.

Placement figures drop from previous years

The number of Niagara College graduates who found jobs in their field of study dropped to 85 per cent from more than 90 per cent a year ago, according to figures released last week by Kenneth Anderson, Niagara College placement officer.

In all, 332 of the 389 graduates who sought program-related work in 1975 have found jobs that relate to what they studied at Niagara. This represents 85.1 per cent of last year's graduates, compared with 93.7 per cent of the 417 who were successful in 1974.

The School of Applied Science and Technology had the best record with 94.74 per cent of its 67 graduates finding jobs in their field.

The School of Health Sciences had a 90.9 per cent record on 48 graduates, while 85.32 per cent of the 119 graduates of the School of Business found program-related jobs.

The School of Applied Arts' record was the lowest on the scale with 79.3 per cent of 225 graduates who sought employment in their chosen field, finding work.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that these figures represent only those students who sought jobs in the field of work they studied at Niagara College.

Last year, 459 graduates left the college. However, only 389 of them sought program-related work. In 1974, of the 493 graduates, only 417 sought jobs in their field of study.

The discrepancy, said Mr. Anderson, lies in those graduates who have other plans. For example, some decide to go to Europe, some find a job that pays a higher salary and some, especially girls, get married and abandon plans for a career.

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The placement office will set up interviews and invite employers to come to thecampus to conduct them or to see what Niagara has to offer.However, Mr. Anderson stressed that it is the responsibility of the student to take advantage of the opportunities given once the interview is set up.

The placement office is in the counselling area between the bookstore and the Voyageur Block.

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with industry, and two small seminar rooms are also included.

Saying that the electronics field is growing rapidly, Mr. Ciccarelli pointed out that "education must stay ahead of industry so that students are useful to industry immediately upon graduation." That, he said, is the philosophy in the design of the building.

BIG PRODUCER

Ontario today accounts for about half of Canada's manufacturing, a third of the nation's farming, and a fourth of its mining.

Women

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the 'professional' categories (i.e. teaching and academic). If the clerical academic staff are not included, however, the percentage of women considered 'professionals' drops to 47.2 per cent while the male figure remains constant."

At Niagara the average female salary is only 67.2 per cent of the average male salary, the report said.

In the Council of Regents and the Boards of Governors women are "under-represented," the report said. In this case it cited figures as of February, 1975.

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Parking facilities strained use care and consideration

For the first few weeks of school this year, it has been difficult to find an empty parking space at Niagara College and students arriving for a late class may well feel all 974 spaces are already taken. They may be right, too.

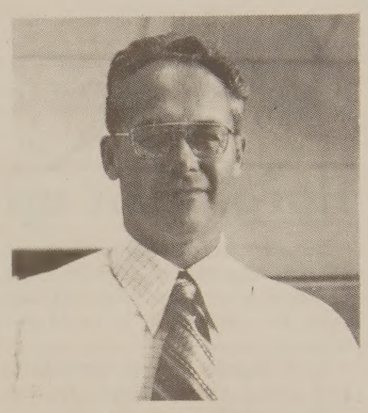
Scenes of cars parked along Woodlawn Road and on grassy areas all over the parking lot were not uncommon these first few weeks. The situation is "definitely strained," according to J. A. Spittle, whose duties as manager of property and plant encompass the parking shortage.

"It is a tough time of the year for the college," he said. "However, as students become more familiar with each other, they'll start car pools. This should alleviate the situation."

If the problem does not improve, though, parking in future years could degenerate even further.

Building a parking lot is a major undertaking for a school, especially when colleges are feeling the pinch of inflation. It is not likely that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, from whom the money would come, would grant Niagara College the funds necessary if the school went to them now, Mr. Spittle said. Niagara has not approached the ministry.

"Sometimes, it can be a matter of months before any indication is received from the ministry," Mr. Spittle said. "We have had good co-operation before, though."



J. A. SPITTLE
Property Manager

"There are other schools that they must first consider. Mohawk, Brock and McMaster (with 11,000 students) are far more pressed than we are."

"By comparison," Mr. Spittle continued, "we (Niagara College) are rather spoiled where parking is concerned. There aren't many colleges or universities that have a parking lot so close to the buildings."

Parking still remains a problem. Where are the students to park when the lot is full? The answer would seem to be to park on Woodlawn Road and certain areas in the parking lot.

Mr. Spittle pointed out the window of his Hennepin Hall office to a car parked on the road.

"That station wagon out there is mine," he said. "Sometimes, I have to come in late. If the lot is full, I park out on the street."

As for parking in undesignated areas of the lot, campus security tends to be tough. All arteries, intersections and fire lanes must be kept clear at all times. Several warnings and a few citations have already been issued.

An example of "citationable" parking is what Mr. Spittle termed a "gross inconvenience."

"A fellow came in the other day and was very mad. A car was parked directly behind his and he was unable to get out. That is just an isolated incident, though. Over all, we have had the greatest co-operation from the student body."

Low-cost films possibility under SAC consideration

Movies may soon be provided to Niagara College students as part of a plan by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) to promote student involvement. The idea was discussed at the second meeting of SAC Tuesday Sept. 16, 1975.

The movies would be supplied to the school from Mohawk College in Hamilton, and the two colleges would be working together with Mohawk advising and helping SAC in organizing it.

Asked if there would be an admission charge, Dennis Reeves, SAC president, said "either the charge would be very low or possibly there would be no charge at all. If there is a charge it won't be near the cost of films at theatres."

"Instead of thinking of it as a successful venture," said Shelly Ward, recording secretary for SAC, "we should think of it as, will the students be interested in it."

If student response is good, the movies would be shown on a bi-weekly basis. "If it didn't work out and it was too much of a loss, then we could have it once a month maybe," said Shelly.

Student visits convent for possible PR film

Bernadette Secco, a third year radio-TV student, has returned from an eight-day visit to a convent in Peabody, Mass. Bernie made the trip to check out the day-to-day life of The Sisters of the Institute of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with a view to making a public relations film for the order.

"They are so different from the usual concept," Bernie said of the nuns. "They watch TV and even tell jokes."

The purpose of the film is to give the girls who apply for membership in the order an idea of the training they will undergo and the day-to day life they will lead.As well, the Carmelite sisters want to show the world that nuns are human beings who live an active life both inside and out of the convent; in effect, to dispel the stereotyped image of the cloistered nuns, forever at prayer in Spartan surroundings.

Bernie described the nuns as each having a special "feeling" which led them to join the order. This "feeling" prompts them to make special commitments to God and mankind; this is reflected in the way they relate to other people.

Bernie hopes to produce a 15-minute color film which she estimates will take five months to put together.

Only two candidates campaign at Niagara

Two of the four MPP hopefuls for Welland riding failed to appear at a Meet-the-Candidates session at Niagara College two days before the election.

Only Mel Swart, New Democratic candidate, and Allan Pietz, Progressive Conservative, were present. The Liberal and Communist candidates were absent.

Student Administrative Council president Dennis Reeves said all the candidates were invited and expected. A debate had been planned but this format was dropped—15 minutes after the start time, only one candidate was there, Mr. Swart. Seventy minutes later, Mr. Pietz—all apologies—arrived.

The result was a speech and a separate question period for each. But since the students there were eating lunch, the candidates were forced to talk over lunch-time noises. At one point, Dennis asked that the noise be kept "to a dull roar." The noise level dropped momentarily but returned to its original strength shortly.

Mr. Swart started the session with a promise to put the public interest first if his party was elected. He believed Stephen Lewis was the only Provincial leader who was capable of this. The NDP considers it "more important for the bulk of the people to own their own home than for speculators to make a million dollars,"Mr. Swart said.

Mr. Swart pointed to NDP governments in Manitoba and Saskatchewan as proof of his party's ability to govern well. He said he believed an NDP government in Ontario would clear up the provincial deficit, just as the debts in Manitoba and Saskatchewan had been wiped off the books.

Mr. Pietz said the Davis government was responsible for many parliamentary actions beneficial to the Ontario population. He mentioned the reduction of sales tax, the $575 million housing commitment, and the Rent Review Board.

He warned the audience that the wester governments were not as successful as Mr. Swart would have everyone believe.

"Don't think the NDP has all the answers," Mr. Pietz said. He contended that butchers were asking for $30,000 per year and grocery check-out girls for $17,000 per year in British Columbia.

Mr.Swart said an NDP government in Ontario would make changes in the educational system. His party would increase student loans and grants to bring them up to the cost of living. The loan portion of the program would gradually be abolished, so that lack of money would not keep a student out of school.

Asked to comment on his party's view of this, Mr. Pietz said he was not able to give an answer.

Check your OHIP now!

Many students think that because they are students they are already covered by OHIP. Not so. Marian Kerr, Niagara College nurse, said, "Each person is responsible to make sure they are covered; the school doesn't assume the responsibility."

Students must apply for OHIP coverage. Mrs. Kerr suggested that approximately two months before it is required is adequate time to apply. Students may also apply for assistance to pay for OHIP. Applications for coverage or assistance may be obtained from the College's Health Centre or at banks.

A student is covered by his parents' policy if he is under 21 and not married.

The OHIP policy provides coverage for medical fees, hospital care, a large portion of the ambulance fee, dental surgery performed in a hospital, eye examinations and any chiropractic work.

Mrs. Kerr said coverage is usually free and suggested that all students make sure they are covered.

Extend dental program

Niagara College has been granted permission to extend its dental assistant program and train "preventive dental assistants."

The program now being prepared will probably start in extension in February and in the day school—as an eight-week module—next May, Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, said.

It will train dental assistants to perform certain intra-oral procedures. There was controversy a year ago that some dentists were illegally allowing unqualified assistants to perform work inside patients' mouths. But legislation was changed this summer to allow properly trained personnel to do this work.

The extra eight weeks will be optional, Mr . Habermehl stressed. The new program will mean three levels of assistants working under a dentist: dental hygienist, preventive dental assistant, and certified dental assistant.

The program extension will necessitate renovations to the third floor of the Simcoe building, including installation of nine dental chairs.

Pubs out of red SAC benefits

Student Administrative Council (SAC) pubs are no longer in the red since the controlling of pubs switched from SAC to the school administration.

Fred Bassi, athletic assistant, was given the position of pub manager last summer. Although profits have been made, Mr. Bassi was unable to say the exact amount.

"I want the students to have a good time, I don't want any vandalism," Mr. Bassi said. "If there are fights and vandalism the pubs will be finished with."

Although guests are allowed, Mr. Bassi explained it is "the students who come first." Because there is a limit of 400 persons allowed in the pub, Mr. Bassi said if the student response is very high, the guest list will be cut down.

Main reasons for the change were to control the number of people in the pubs, to try to avoid any damages or vandalism, and to "try to account for the money and where it goes," Mr. Bassi said.

Although SAC is no longer in charge of pubs it is responsible for the booking and hiring of bands. Because it represents the students, it will receive all profits from pubs.

OLDEST RADIO STATION

Station CKOC, Hamilton, is Ontario's oldest radio station. It began broadcasting in 1922.

College receives building tenders

Tenders for construction of Niagara's new building were received Sept. 18.

The bids, with completion dates, were: Canadian Engineering and Contracting Company—$3,236,000, December, 1976; Stewart and Hinan Contractors—$3,292,700, Dec. 10, 1976; Newman Brothers—$3,287,000, Jan. 31, 1977; Cooper Construction—$3,146,600, Dec. 31, 1976.

N/C students work with 35 retarded

Every student in the Educational Resource Technician program took part in a three-day camp with teachers from Lorraine Central School, Port Colborne, and 35 retarded children. Mrs. Elvira Lucas, program co-ordinator, said this is the first time the whole ERT class has worked with exceptional children in the course's history.

The camp was held at Lakewood Crippled Children's Camp from Sept. 16 to 18. The Niagara students acted as sub-leaders within groups of children who were led by Lorraine School teachers.

This afforded the children more individual attention. Mrs. Lucas said the children were not babied. They were disciplined as any other children would be.

"These children have the same needs and tricks as normal children," she said. She said at the start of the camp the children were "running them (the ERT students) ragged," doing things for the children that they were capable of doing themselves.

It was then they learned that the people they were dealing with were no different than any other children. "One thing I learned is these kids don't need sympathy," Diane Schneider, first year ERT student said.

"They're human beings, just like any other children are," Diane continued.

Mrs. Lucas said it is necessary for the students in her program to get the "experience a classroom can't provide." Since it is possible that some graduates may go into special education, it is important that they "get the practical experience with children who are exceptional,"she said.

Petty cash set $35

The petty cash for Niagara College Student Administrative Council (SAC) has been set at $35 said Jim Chapman, vice president of finance.

"Issuing of money will be made primarily by myself,"Jim said at the second SAC meeting Sept. 16.Beth Bridgeman, SAC secretary, will be able to issue monies up to $5.

As the petty funds are controlled by the treasurer, Jim said "receipts of all monies issued have to accompany any purchase over $1. Authorized persons receiving money from petty cash must first complete a petty cash voucher and then return it to the treasurer.

Students rehearse for Opus I

The first production of the Niagara College theatre program, Opus I, a play written by the staff of the program, will open next week.

The play is an ambitious undertaking. In 11 scenes, it portrays the visions of Orr, a space traveller who lands on a dead planet. He discovers a time capsule, learns what has happened, and in the process he learns how to feel.

"It is a modern, multi-media piece that shows the latest concepts that are taking place in theatre today," program co-ordinator David Staples says of the play.

Opus I will be performed Oct. 8 to 11 at the Niagara College Theatre, 54 Empire St., Welland.

(photo by Tessier)

Theatre arts students work hard and go far

By MARK TESSIER

Niagara College theatre arts apprentices are going further afield this year "and we've had more requests for apprentices than ever before," according to program co-ordinator David Staples.

In term six of the program, theatre arts students are sent to professional theatres as apprentices. This year's apprentices will be stationed as close as St. Catharines and two will travel as far as Mannheim, Germany. There will also b e apprentices in Theatre Calgary; The Citadel, Edmonton; The Globe, Regina; and The Bastion, Victoria.

They may meet old friends there as, according to Mr. Staples, every major theatre in Canada has a Niagara College graduate in a "key technical position."

Students in the first two years of the program are also involved with professional theatres. The Theatre Centre works with the Mime Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake; the Welland Little Theatre; and the Press Theatre, St. Catharines.

The schedule this year calls for 10 major productions, five this fall. The plays at the Theatre Centre will be: Opus I, Oct. 8-11; Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, Nov. 18-22; The Commune, Dec. 14-17, in the rehearsal hall. Niagara students will work with the Press Theatre on Prisoner of Second Avenue, Oct. 17-25, Don't Listen Ladies, Dec. 5-13, and Ali B aba and the Forty Thieves, Dec. 15-20.

Every student has to take part in at least two major productions during the year. As every phase of the production is carried out by the students, this involvement may include lighting, sound, makeup, set design and construction, as well as acting.

Mr. Staples stated that because of the work involved in the course, theatre arts at Niagara "is demanding in terms of time and personal commitment." Theatre arts students have no days or evenings off, he said.

Enrolment up

Niagara College enrolment of full-time day students is about 10 per cent more than this time last year, and may reach 12 to 14 per cent.

A. S. Manera, college president, said the figure for Sept. 19 was 2,266, including nursing students. Though Registration Day figures had shown an increase of 15 per cent over last year, some students had changed their minds since then.

When Hotel and Restaurant Administration students—between 120 and 140 are expected—register early in October, the total may be about 2,400; this would be about a 14 per cent increase.

Mr. Manera said extension enrolment figures for Sept. 20 were 3,329, an increase over last year's 2,960.

"Our expansion in extension is limited only by the availability of funds," he said.

High-quality nursing grads from Niagara

By JOHN BRUCE

Niagara College nursing students receive 1,485 hours of clinical training in area hospitals as part of the two-year course.

Contrary to what many people believe, the change from a three-year program to two was conceived and introduced by the provincial Ministry of Health and the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario. The program was inherited by the community colleges when they took over administration of the program from the hospitals in 1973.

These statements were made by Fred Habermehl, dean of Niagara's School of Health Sciences. He describes the nursing course as tough, demanding and "a very good program" which provides high-quality graduates for the nursing profession.

As well as the hours of clinical training, the college has added courses in sociology, psychology, and human relations to the basic theoretical courses of the nursing program.

Mr. Habermehl described the program's teaching staff as "highly professional, with very high standards for their own performance."

On top of the standard admission requirements, applicants to the college's nursing program are required to have a personal interview conducted by the program staff.

Suitability, adaptability, motivation and previous health care experience are the keys to a successful application.

Mr. Habermehl said local hospitals seem to be pleased with the quality of Niagara College nursing graduates and do hire when their budget allows.

He pointed to numerous letters of commendation received by the college and the hospitals where college nurses train pointing out the "caring" quality of the student nurses.

ONLY COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE

Fashion Canada committee chooses Marie Bramble

Marie Bramble, fashion arts program co-ordinator, has been appointed to the Designers Development Committee of Fashion Canada, one of the highest positions in the Canadian fashion industry. She is the only Ontario community college teacher on the committee.

Mrs Bramble is one of 11 persons across Canada chosen to serve on the committee. The other members are manufacturers, retailers and designers.

She feels it is because of her background experience in fashion designing that she was chosen.

Her career in fashions began 23 years ago, when she landed a job with the T. Eaton Company in Toronto. From there she went to the Globe and Mail advertising department in Toronto, then the C. Wallace chain, a chain of clothing stores throughout Southern Ontario. Five years ago she started teaching fashion arts at Niagara.

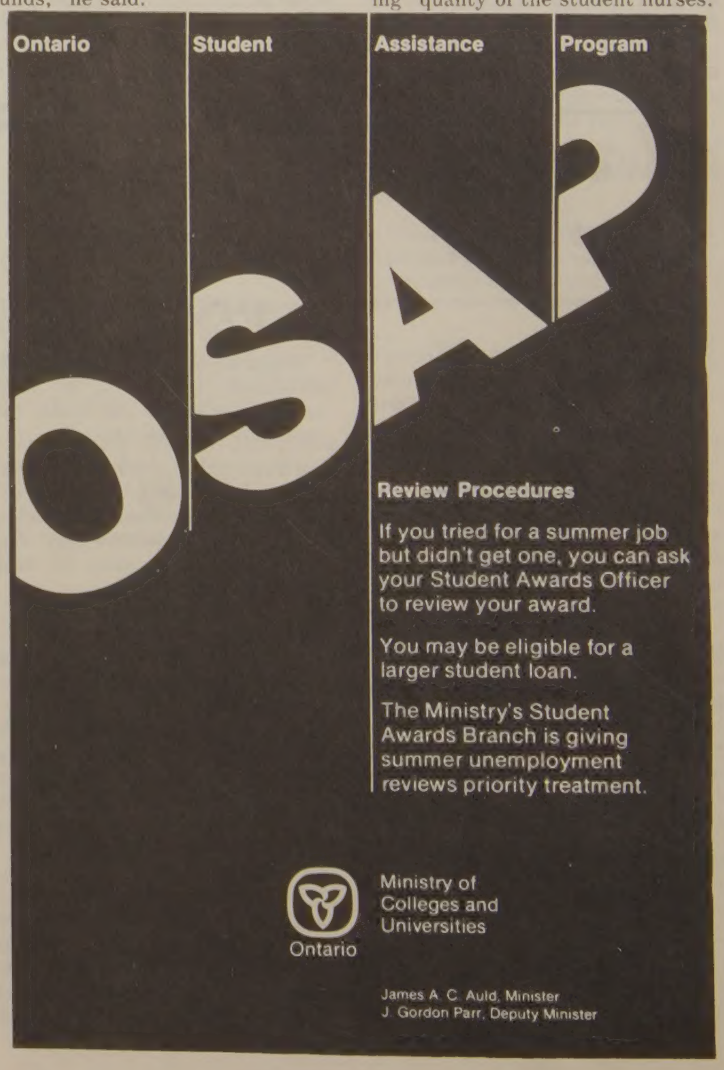
As a member of Fashion Canada, Mrs. Bramble's chief responsibility is to "encourage, promote fashion industry and all its facets in Canada."

Mrs. Bramble is not a designer, but a promoter of fashions, or a stylist. S he describes a stylist as "one who selects designs, can tell what will and will not sell."

Talent in Canada is often wasted because that talent is not recognized. Canadians too often refuse to see talent until it is first seen by a foreign country. Fashion Ca nada developed because certain people had the foresight to see Canada as a country of trend-setters in the fashion world.

For many Canadian women, London, Paris and New York are the top fashion centres of the world. But throughout the United States and Europe, Mrs. Bramble said women tend to follow styles designed by Canadians.

"Our talented Canadian people have always had trouble being recognized in Canada, whether musicians, writers, artists or designers," Mrs. Bramble said. "Canada is not mature enough to recognize her own talented people."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NEWS BRIEFS

SAC forms a new committee for special events

The decision to organize a social committee was made at the second Student Administrative Council (SAC) meeting Sept. 16.

Its main function would be to plan special events such as trips, and to present ideas or recommendations to SAC.

The committee will consist of the vice president of internal affairs, and, as Dennis Reeves, SAC president, said, "anyone who shows an interest in it, is willing to work, and is responsible."

Students act as Festival guides

Seven students of Niagara College were escorts on tours for the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival.

During the festival bus tours were offered for persons interested in visiting vineyards or local wineries. Samples of wines were provided for passengers.

The seven students were Arden Phair, student co-ordinator; Starr Irvine, Nancy Lymburner, Bill Grant, Janice Fox, Tom Thomson and Chris Esposito.

Tattle tape tattles book theft down

Book thefts have been halved since installation of the Tattle-Tape system in Niagara College library.

It was installed in the spring of 1973 and was only the second such system in Ontario. Since then, however, many colleges have followed suit.

Asked about student reaction to the Tattle-Tape system, he said they seem to like it better than personal inspection .

The approximately $20,000 system although not infallible, said S. J. Kees, chief librarian, is "justifying itself" and he would certainly recommend it.

Mr. Kees said it was unfortunate that so much money must be spent for a "small minority of students."

New elective now offered in history

The history department is offering a new elective this year on war.

The History of War taught by David Davies, chairman of human development, will include the history of war from ancient times to the present, the technology of war, its social and economic impact, causes and the relationship of war and politics.

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Unavailable funds reason for no orientation week

At many colleges and universities throughout the province, orientation week is supposedly a week of fun and games in which first year students are initiated into the school and more or less put to the test by senior students.

Dennis Reeves, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said SAC was unable to sponsor such a week this year because funds were unavailable at the time. As well, most SAC members were working during the summer months making it nearly impossible for them to arrange very much.

The Labatt's balloon was scheduled to go up over the school, but weather conditions made that impossible.

There was, however, a pub held for first year students Sept. 2, 1975, where admission was free. A detailed orientation booklet was available to the students.

Regional Exhibition had Niagara College exhibit

By DAVE KINDY

A lot happened at the Niagara College exhibit at the Niagara Regional Exhibition (NRE).

Judo demonstrations, two mime plays, French lessons, a ham radio setup and even a computer that answered perplexing questions were just a few of the things visitors saw.

Visual aids of all kinds, set up in a large blue and yellow tent, enabled the college to show the many different courses offered. Several programs contributed displays and more than 120 students and staff helped.

Visitors were given breathalyser tests and makeup demonstrations. They learned about the human body and were fingerprinted. Some visitors even learned how to obedience train their dogs.

The NRE went from Sept. 9-16 at its fair grounds on Niagara Street, Welland. Two weeks prior ro the opening, the NRE approached the college. A New Horizons grant had enabled a home for the elderly to set up a tent to feed the many aged who would show up on Senior Citizen's Day. The tent would not be in use the other five days of the fair. Would Niagara College like to use the tent, free of charge, to show exhibits? It accepted.

With two weeks before the fair and only a week to go before school opened, the college hurriedly accumulated displays and demonstrations.

At least a dozen factions of the college were involved. Educational Resource Technician students were hostesses and distributed pamphlets on Niagara College. They also handed out entry blanks for free draws. First place prize for one semester's free tuition went to David Tresham of Welland. Second and third prizes, free tuition for extension courses, were won by Mrs. G. Blais and Anne Didyk, also of Welland.

The Radio Club set up a ham radio outfit and monitored other ham frequencies. Next to this display were nursing and medical records displays. These were a favorite with the children, especially the human skeleton. A computer terminal was programmed to answer any question with several phrases, such as "cannot answer at this time" or "you can count on it." More than one visitor found out about the possible result of an Olympic Lottery ticket he was holding.

Law Enforcement students demonstrated fingerprinting and extension instructors gave French lessons. Commercial education used a video tape to show sample lessons of tennis, hockey training, yoga, sailing and dog obedience. There were live judo demonstrations.

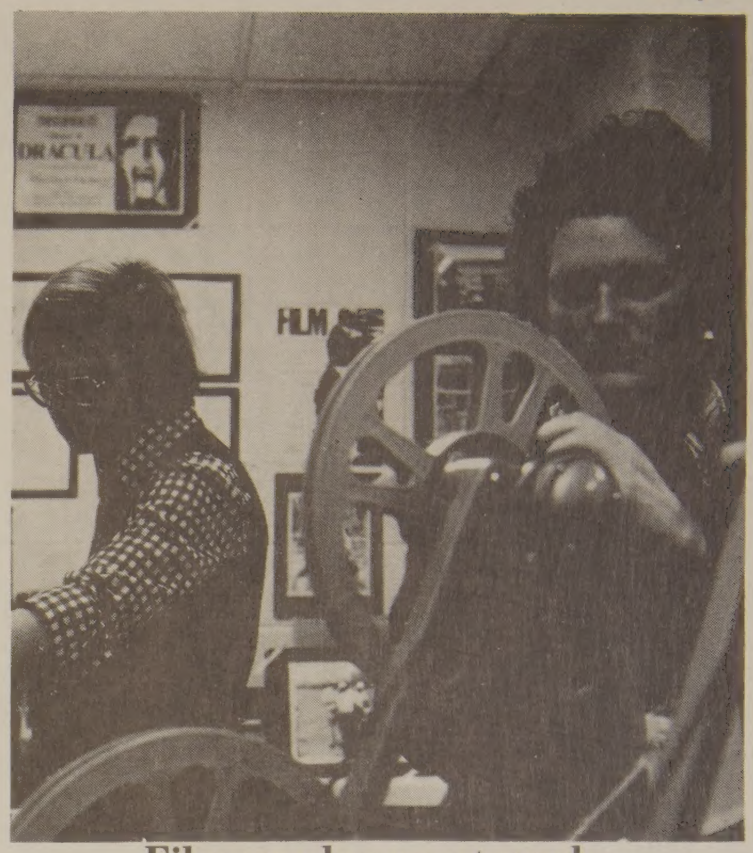
Graphic Arts demonstrated the working of a printing press and a hand-pull press which produced Niagara College Open House invitations. Several girls working with the counselling office showed what a breathalyser does.

Radio and television students brought a new color camera and some visitors saw themselves on TV for the first time. This was the first trial for the camera.

The horticulture program set up a display of plants, and the Fashion Arts program displayed colorful costumes on mannequins. Theatre Arts presented two mime plays and gave makeup demonstrations.

While all this was going on, members of the Wainfleet Agricultural Society viewed the exhibit. Apparently impressed, a few days after the fair they contacted the school to find out if Niagara College would like to set up an exhibit at their fair.

The college also took part in this fair. It was held on Sept. 26 and 27 at the Wainfleet Community Centre. Niagara's exhibit was smaller this time but only because the fair was smaller. It was mainly a textile display in the hobbies and crafts section. Weaving, decoupage and macrame were shown.



Film producers at work

Bernie Secco and Jack Vethaak of third year Radio-Television work in film room in Simcoe Building. Miss Secco visited a Massachusetts convent and, with Vathaak and others, produced a public relations film about women in Niagara College technolgy courses (see stories pages 1 and 3).

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Fashion art student lands job from Fashion Canada scholarship

Deborah Ann Borley, second year Fashion Arts, got a chance to do something this summer that few students get.

Most students end up at summer jobs that have nothing to do with the field they will graduate in. This summer, however, Deborah's job was with one of the leading clothing designers in Canada.

A Fashion/Canada scholarship enabled her to participate in its Summer-Training-in-Industry program.She went to Manitoba to work at one of Monarch Wear's three Winnipeg plants. Monarch Wear, a nationwide clothing designer, put her to work in the designing business for the 12-week summer training course.

"I got to learn a lot about the industry," said Deborah. "I enjoyed it."

The work was not all designing. She worked in all aspects of the business.

"A lot of time was spent leading up to the designing table - using the machines, making reports, cutting out fabric," she said. "You get to learn about everything."

At one point during the summer, she was even in a supervisory position.

"My boss went off on holidays," she said. "So did his assistant. For two weeks, I was in charge. There were a million times I thought I'd be in trouble. They said I did fine, though."

Deborah Ann Borley

Asked if Niagara College had prepared her for work, she replied, "Yes, but it's only theory. It is different, though, when you're out."

Deborah is ready to go back to work. She explained why:

"It was good work experience. They taught me a lot. Monarch has offered me a job when I'm done with school so I'm anxious to get back."

Busing service for students

Student bus service from St. Catharines to Welland has been arranged by Niagara College.

A.S. Aboud, director of student services, said there has "nearly always been this bus service" and "last year was really the first year when there was no service." The service before, however, was not operated by the college but by independent bus companies and lasted only about a month each time because of students finding other means of transportation.

Tickets, costing $90, must be bought before using the bus. Forty-eight students are riding the bus at present.

The bus is at St. Catharines stops ten minutes earlier than originally planned because students complained about arriving at school late. It also allows for winter driving conditions. The schedule is as follows:

1. Grantham Plaza—Scott and Vine streets (Parking lot near Canadian Tire Store) 7:35 a.m.
2. Fairview Mall—Carlton street and Q.E.W.(at the public transit stop near mall entrance.) 7:45 a.m.
3. Municipal Parking Area—the Parkway (behind Beattie's Stationery) 7:55 a.m.
4. Pen Centre—Glendale and Hwy.406 (near Simpsons-Sears Auto Centre) 8:00 a.m.

The bus will not run on Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 13, nor Remembrance Day, Nov. 10.

Calculator Sale

The Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) is selling calculators in the cafeteria during double lunch hours Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The club has 100 calculators to sell. They are going at 20 per cent below the retail price.

College instructors to GM plant once a week

Niagara College instructors go to a General Motors (GM) plant one day a week to teach effective communication and listening skills to employees—500 foremen of two plants taking part in a course specifically designed for them.

The course is just one example of an Ontario government program, Training in Business and Industry (TIBI), designed to help both employer and employee. Employees upgrade their skills and earning power and the employer strengthens his operation with an improved labor force.

Almost 7,000 people have taken part in TIBI courses at Niagara College in the six years Niagara has been a part of TIBI.

Eugene Gillies, chairman of extension development and co-ordinator of the TIBI program here, said: "This program can help in many ways. It can upgrade the skills of the employee and it can allow business and industry to improve. It can also allow Canada to compete on the world market more successfully."

TIBI came about in 1956 when the federal government pulled its money out of Canadian Vocational Training (CVT), a program operated on the same basis as TIBI. Soon afterwards, the Ontario government set up TIBI.

The TIBI program at Niagara College can become busy. Occasionally, it has run 23 hours a day.

"We can run right around the clock," Mr. Gillies said. "A few times, we have had classes every hour except six to seven in the morning. That's not all the time, though."

He said classes could be held at the college or at the company; "once we held a class in a room of an apartment building."

Cost of the program is usually shared by all three parties involved—company, college and employee.

"The company usually pays the tuition, text books and sometimes wages," Mr. Gillies said. "The employee contributes his time. We pay the teachers and administrative costs. Sometimes, a company pays the total cost."

TV review

New season captures it all

By ERIC BOWMAN

The new television season offers the viewer a wide array of programming. Anything from Howard Cosell Live on Saturday Night to David McCallum in his now you see him, now you don't role of the Invisible Man.

The various network's top brass are watching and hoping that each show will become a hit. This is the impossible dream. Not all shows can be winners. What shows will achieve success?

The first pick of the new shows to be successful is almost automatic. In the "how can it miss" category is Phyllis, starring Cloris Leachman, a multi-talented actress who co-starred in the Mary Tyler Moore Show in previous years. Last year Rhoda was the big hit and like Phyllis it too was a spin-off from the Mary Tyler Moore Show.

Another show that should also score big with the viewing audiences is Ellery Queen. Taken from the old radio show and adapted from the famous novels, these are the classic "whodunit" mystery stories that allow the viewer to piece together clues and arrive at his own conclusion. Once the viewer has his mind made up on who the culprit is, Ellery Queen solves the case. Ellery Queen provides interesting viewing with very little violence, unusual in an age in which blood and guts is the main attraction of large audiences.

As far as violence goes and its appeal to the public, the hit in this category may well be Starsky and Hutch. It's the story of two undercover policemen who fight crime the way they choose, not always the way the police department chooses. Gun battles, an exploding car, a vicious assault and two robberies are some of the action compacted into this one-hour cops and robbers story.

A few possible sleepers are; McCoy, Joe Forrester, Switch and even maybe Howard Cosell, in a role similar to that of Ed Sullivan.

What about the losers? This year it looks as if there could be many.

A sure bet to wind up cancelled is the Invisible Man. The success of ABC's Six Million Dollar Man in science-fiction programming seems to be the inspiration for NBC's crack at science-fiction programming. David McCallum is the series star. He is only seen for about a half of the show and when he vanishes, the show gets weaker when it should get stronger. So take it from this source, you won't see much of the Invisible Man.

If you take a successful comedian and put him in a situation comedy set in a high school,you should have a very funny series. Right? Wrong. Welcome Back Kotter is the show and Gabriel Kaplan is the comedian, a good one at that. There isn't too much more you can say in favor of this show. The story goes from bad to worse and the best part of the show is the theme song, Welcome Back as sung by John Sebastian.

Are TV viewers ready for another Western? Gone are the days of Gunsmoke, Bonanza, and Wagon Train. ABC is taking a gamble that there is an audience for the Old West. With this in mind, ABC brings you Barbary Coast. The potential is there. William Shatner and Doug McClure are two experienced actors and they do their best with weak scripts. If the show had better writers it might have a chance. If they keep the same writers and the quality remains the same, ABC will find its audience gone the way of the Old West.

Some others that should flounder are; On the Rocks, Big Eddie, Three For the Road, and Matt Helm.

Television captures it all. The viewer can watch the exploits of a superhuman worth six million dollars or listen to insults on just about any minority group.

These new shows are the *ROOKIES* and many will be *ON THE ROCKS* and *MOVIN' ON* unless they provide the viewer with *GOOD TIMES* and *HAPPY DAYS* as these shows go on their *STAR TREK*.

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